



Help your baby fight pertussis!

**Recent outbreaks of pertussis
(whooping cough) in Washington have
caused hospitalizations and deaths.**

Pertussis causes coughing that makes it hard for a child to eat, drink or breathe. Babies younger than 6 months who get pertussis often must be hospitalized. Pertussis can lead to pneumonia, seizures, brain damage and even death.

Don't miss your baby's 4th DTaP

**Your baby
needs 4
plus one more**

- 2 months
- 4 months
- 6 months
- **15 - 18 months**
- 4 - 6 years

Pertussis spreads easily by coughing or sneezing. Babies usually get it from an older child or adult who may only have a mild cough and not know they have pertussis.

**Call your doctor, nurse or clinic
today to schedule your baby's
15-18 month DTaP immunization.**

The DTaP vaccine also protects your baby from diphtheria and tetanus



Diphtheria is spread by coughing and sneezing. It causes a sore throat, low-grade fever and can completely block a person's airway. Diphtheria can cause breathing and heart problems, coma, paralysis and death.

Tetanus (lockjaw) occurs when a tetanus germ enters a deep cut or puncture wound. It can cause muscle spasms, breathing problems and death.

Protect yourself with Tdap

Older children, teens and adults can protect babies and themselves by getting a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) booster.

Find out more

Listen to a child with pertussis at www.pertussis.com

Ask your doctor, nurse or clinic about Tdap, DTaP and other immunizations. Visit the Washington State Department of Health website at www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/immunize

For help finding an immunization clinic, call:

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| Family Health Hotline 1.800.322.2588 711 (TTY relay) | Programs of WithinReach  www.ParentHelp123.org |
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